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Josie Loren

Jocelyn "Josie" Loren Lopez Leinart (born March 19, 1987) is an American attorney and former actress, best known for the role of Kaylie Cruz in the ABC Family series *Make It or Break It*,[3] and as FBI Agent Michelle Vega in the TV series *The Mentalist*.[4]

Josie Loren	
Born	Jocelyn Loren Lopez[1] March 19, 1987 Miami, Florida, U.S.
Other name	Josie Leinart
Alma mater	University of California, Los Angeles (BA) Loyola Law School (JD)
Occupations	Attorney, actress
Years active	2006–2015 (actress) 2021–present (attorney)
Political party	Republican[2]
Spouse	Matt Leinart (m. 2018)
Children	3

Early life

Loren was born in Miami, Florida, and is of Cuban descent. Her mother is Mercy Lopez, a middle school teacher at Zelda Glazer Middle School in Miami, Florida.[5] She has one older sister and two brothers. Her older brother, Javier Lopez, is a Harvard University graduate and a commercial litigator in Miami. In 2010, she was voted one of the 50 Sexiest Singles by *OK!* magazine.[6]

She attended high school at New World School of the Arts in Miami where she studied stage acting. Before becoming an actress, she cheered for an all-star cheerleading team in Miami called Top Gun All Stars.[7] She studied mass media communication, minoring in Spanish, at UCLA.[8][9]

Career

Loren played the character Holly on *Hannah Montana*, working with the teen sensation Miley Cyrus on the episode "People Who Use People". Determined to make it big in show business, Loren then took on a role in *Medium* and later appeared on two episodes of the Nickelodeon series *Drake & Josh* as Maria. In 2007, Loren was cast on the Disney series *Cory in the House*, playing the character Jessica in the episode "Get Smarter".

Her next project was *The Bill Engvall Show*, which led her to be chosen for a role in the short comedy *Hardly Married*, written and directed by Diego Nunez. She followed it up with *Christmas in Paradise*, and then with 2008's comic drama *This Is Not a Test*. She starred alongside Hill Harper, Robinne Lee, and Tom Arnold. Loren then obtained further popularity with a role in the hit film, *17 Again*. The big screen comedy was directed by Burr Steers, and starred Zac Efron, Matthew Perry, and Michelle Trachtenberg.[10] In 2009, Loren was cast in the Disney TV movie *Hatching Pete*. Later that year, she appeared in a starring role on the ABC Family series *Make It or Break It*, a program which follows the adventures of a group of gymnasts hoping to make it to the Olympics.[11]

In July 2014, Loren was cast as a series regular in the seventh and final season of the crime drama series *The Mentalist* as rookie FBI agent Michelle Vega.[4][12]

Personal life

On May 28, 2018, Loren married former NFL player Matt Leinart.[13] They have two sons, one born in January 2020,[14] and the other on May 24, 2021, and a daughter, born in February 2025.[15] She is the stepmother to Leinart's son from his previous relationship.[16][17][18]

On May 19, 2019, Loren graduated from Loyola Law School.[19][20]

Filmography

Film

Year	Title	Role	Notes
2007	*Hardly Married*	Leti	Short film
	Christmas in Paradise	Blair	
2008	*This Is Not a Test*	Laline	
2009	*17 Again*	Nicole	
2011	*With Me*	Jayden	Short film
2013	*21 & Over*	Pledge Aguilar	
2014	*Everlast*	Adriana	Short film
	Safe	Jessica	Short film

Television

Year	Title	Role	Notes
2006	*Veronica Mars*	Chloe	Episode: "President Evil"
	Hannah Montana	Holly	Episode: "People Who Use People"
	Medium	Amanda's Friend	Episode: "Blood Relation"
2007	*Drake & Josh*	Maria	Episode: "Battle of Panthatar"
	Cory in the House	Jessica	Episode: "Get Smarter"
	The Bill Engvall Show	Marissa	Episode: "Good People"
2009	*Hatching Pete*	Angela Morrissey	Disney Channel Original Movie
2009–12	*Make It or Break It*	Kaylie Cruz	Main role; 48 episodes
2010	*10 Things I Hate About You*	Kaylie Cruz	Episode: "The Winner Takes It All"
2011	*NCIS*	Jane	Episode: "Tell-All"
	Castle	Bridget McManus	Episode: "The Dead Pool"
	Drop Dead Diva	Julia Campbell	Episode: "Prom"
2013	*Miles Across the Sea*	Jessie	Episode: "Bed-Headed Fred"
	Annie Sunbeam and Friends	Annie Sunbeam	Episode: "Introduction"
	The Glades	Hanna Koski	Episode: "Gallerinas"
2014	*Hit the Floor*	Kendall	3 episodes
	Honor Student	Teresa Smith	Television film
2014–15	*The Mentalist*	Michelle Vega	Main role (season 7); 10 episodes
2015	*Young & Hungry*	Sam	Episode: "Young & Doppelganger"

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